

February 10th, 2009

RE: WMA BASE and SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING, Upcoming 2009 Cycle

California Weed Management Area Groups:

Once again this year there will be two types of WMA Funding: (1) BASE FUNDING and (2) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING.

- ✓ **BASE FUNDING:** Each county partner in an active and officially recognized Weed Management Area group will receive \$16,758.00 of BASE FUNDING. This funding is not competitive, but rather considered a base-level of funding. No in-kind is required for BASE funding.

CALL FOR BASE-FUNDING WORK PLAN and BUDGET:

At this time the California Department of Food and Agriculture is soliciting BASE WORK PLANS and BUDGETS from each county partner* in an active and officially recognized WMA. Please see attached for: (1) BASE Example 1 Work Plan, (2) BASE Example 2 Work Plan, and (3) BASE Example Excel Budget.

BASE contracts will be for one calendar year, starting January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010. Remember, Base budgets span across two fiscal years: FY09/10 (January 1-June 30, 2010) and FY10/11 (July 1-December 31, 2010). Please see attached examples.

- ✓ **SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING:** Each officially recognized WMA has the opportunity to apply for funding through a competitive SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING request for proposals program. ALL officially recognized WMA groups are encouraged to submit supplemental funding proposals, but NOT required to do so.

If your WMA was awarded Supplemental Funding last year, you are welcome to re-apply for a second year of funding for the same project(s) and/or submit a new proposal for different projects. If available, please provide any update and data generated to date from your supplemental project(s).

!!!Please note that starting with this 2009 cycle of Supplemental Funding, Supplemental projects that are awarded funding will span two calendar years: starting January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2011. Remember, Supplemental budgets span across three fiscal years: FY09/10 (January 1-June 30, 2010), FY10/11 (July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011), and FY11/12 (July 1, 2011-December 31, 2011). Please see attached Supplemental examples.

A total of \$243,000 in SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS is available. Unlike the Base Funding Program, these proposals will be competitive. It should be noted that funding for Supplemental Projects is very competitive; in the 2008 cycle only 7 out of 31 project proposals were funded. All supplemental proposals will be reviewed and ranked by the WMA Oversight Committee. Since the total pot of money available for the supplemental funding program is limited, only ONE project proposal (up to 3 projects, fewer recommended) for a maximum award of \$50,000 PER WMA will be accepted. A minimum 50:50 Cost-Share is required on Supplemental proposals.

CALL FOR SUPPLEMENTAL-FUNDING WORK PLANS and BUDGET:

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At this time the California Department of Food and Agriculture is soliciting SUPPLEMENTAL WORK PLANS and BUDGETS from each county partner* in an active and officially recognized WMA. Please see attached for: (1) Official SUPPLEMENTAL Request for Proposals, (2) SUPPLEMENTAL proposal example, and (3) SUPPLEMENTAL Example Excel Budget.

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DUE DATE for BASE and SUPPLEMENTAL: electronic submission only to cpirosko@cdfa.ca.gov , by 5 p.m. April 7th, 2009. Within 24 hours an email will be sent acknowledging receipt of your work plan and budget.

Please see attached for ALL of the DETAILS:

1. Base Funding Work Plan Example 1
2. Base Funding Work Plan Example 2
3. Base Funding Excel Budget Example
4. Supplemental Request for Proposals (RFP)
5. Supplemental Proposal Format Example
6. Supplemental Excel Budget Example

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REQUIREMENT: Proposals MUST be submitted electronically and in the proper format as shown in examples provided. Failure to do so by the deadline will result in a rejection of your proposal.

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Special Note: Multi-County WMAs or Representation in more than one WMA group

For clarification, if your WMA has three county partners, we would like a separate work plan and budget from each of the three county partners ONLY IF THERE ARE TO BE SEPARATE CONTRACTS with each partner*, each for no more than \$16,758.00. Or, if multi-county WMAs so choose, you may identify one partner to contract for all funds for the two or three partner WMA. Please simply make note of this at the top of your work plan. Example: Full of Weeds WMA has three county partners and would like only 1 contract with County A for the full amount of \$50,274 (= 3 x \$16,758). County B and County C receive \$0 dollars, no contract.

Further, if your county* is a member of more than one WMA due to geographical boundaries, please submit AS MANY (within reason please) work plans and budgets as there will be SEPARATE CONTRACTS. The total for all budgets can not exceed a total of \$16,758.00. It should be noted that CDFA does not decide who receives funds in such situations, rather all partners in a geographical area must meet to determine how funds are to be divided to most successfully work on priority weed concerns.

*CDFA can contract most easily with the following: County Ag Offices, RCDs, or a State Agency.

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